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Sir:

The following is in response to the Final office action of June 13, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-9 as follows:

A medical device comprising permeable, porous expanded polytetrafluoroethylene tube having a microstructure of nodes interconnected by fibrils and provided with a non-porous coating over the porous expanded polytetrafluoroethylene to render the tube non-porous, wherein said tube is configured as an inflatable balloon.



- 2. A medical device according to claim 1 wherein the non-porous coating comprises fluorinated ethylene propylene.
- 3. A medical device according to claim 1 wherein the non-porous coating comprises an adhesive.
- A medical device according to claim 3 wherein the adhesive comprises a thermoplastic 12/17/2002: 4814-141 00000002 071729 09510937

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